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FOLNG FROM CALCUTTA DTD MAY 23.

QUOTE: CALCUTTA 1137

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TAGS: CASC, PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

REF: NEW DELHI 6796

1. I CALLED ON CHIEF SECRETARY LATE AFTERNOON MAY 22 TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND OTHER POINTS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. HIS INITIAL RESPONSE AS TO WHAT I MIGHT REPORT TO DELHI AND WASHINGTON WAS "WE ARE ALSO MUCH CONCERNED AND WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION THERE IS NOTHING MORE I CAN SAY NOW."

3. LATER HE SAID THE CONFESSION TO DRUG SMUGGLING HAD CAUSED GREAT COMPLICATIONS. ALL THIS TIME HARCOS AND FLETCHER HAD REFUSED TO SAY ANYTHING AND THE VARIOUS INDIAN AUTHORITIES HAD GONE THROUGH ALL THE PROCEDURES OF SETTING UP A TRIAL ON THE CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE. THEN, AT THE LAST MINUTE THEY PLEAD GUILTY TO DRUG SMUGGLING. (THIS COMPLAINT ABOUT HARCOS/FLETCHER MAINTAINING SILENCE SO LONG WAS EXPRESSED SEVERAL TIMES BY CHIEF MINISTER DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL.) HE SAID, "WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO FIND A SOLUTION BUT THERE ARE MANY ELEMENTS INVOLVED-- BUT I ASSURE YOU WE ARE STILL TRYING FOR WE WANT TO GET RID OF

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THIS CASE AS MUCH AS YOU DO."

4. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS MOST FRIENDLY  
AND IN GENERAL CHIT-CHAT TRIED TO CONVINCE ME HE REALLY WAS  
CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING A "SOLUTION."

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